Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether anybody is appointed to watch the processes?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes. There are one field officer and two watchmen.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* May I know the pay of these watchmen?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Rs. 15.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* May I take it that the Field Officers visit only occasionally?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* They are Field Officers appointed for this. They are there.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* How many Field Officers are there in Trichur?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Two.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* How many mills are there for milling rice.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* 31 mills are employed on the whole. In Trichur, 16.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* May I know the quantity of rice given by the mills per para of paddy?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* May I know approximately.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It will roughly be about 50 per cent.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether owners who have leased out their properties as distinct from cultivators have been rationed?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I take it that my question will be understood in the light in which it is put.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Certainly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, further, how many classes of persons other than the class mentioned in answer to the supplementary question, have not been rationed?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The only class we have not rationed is those who have their own paddy, as either landlords or as tenants. They have been allowed to retain their paddy. Some period is allowed to exhaust that quantity, and after that they will be issued ration cards.

RATION SCHEME

101. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether they will bring into effect an all Cochin ration scheme with reasonable exemptions being granted in essential cases to provide against all chances of hoarding, secretion and black-market adequate provision being made for future operations of agriculture with products placed in the custody of the Government?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* An all Cochin ration scheme has been introduced. But the cultivators have not been rationed.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: മിലിറ്ററിയിൽ പോയിട്ട് അവധിയിൽ വരുന്നവർക്ക് റേഷൻ കൂട്ടിക്കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എം. പോൾ: ഇല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൽ മിലിറ്ററിയിൽ പോയിട്ട് അവധിയിൽ വരുന്നവർക്ക് റേഷൻ കൂട്ടികൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എം. പോൾ: കൊച്ചിസർക്കാരിൽനിന്നു അരി കൊടുക്കുന്നില്ല. ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൽനിന്നു അവർ കൊണ്ടുവരുന്ന അരി അവർ എടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അരികൊടുത്തില്ലെങ്കിൽ അവരുടെ ശരീരം ക്ഷീണിക്കുകയില്ലെ? അതുകൊണ്ട് അവർക്ക് അരി കൂട്ടികൊടുക്കണ്ടെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എം. പോൾ: അതിനുമാത്രം അരിയില്ല.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, in what sense the Government have been pleased to use the expression "All-Cochin ration" in the answer?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Throughout the State.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: That is in terms of area and not in terms of people?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Pople also.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether there is an order of Government regarding rations to soldiers who are on leave allowing them 1½ times the usual ration.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I do not think there is any such order. You mean their families?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: It is for the soldier himself.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED FROM EACH PANCHAYAT AREA—FUNCTIONING OF

102. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state if the Committee appointed by the Government in its Proceedings dated 18th October 1942, P. 13-28800/17, from each Panchayat area in the State to assist and advise the official staff of the Fair Price Shop Scheme in the State is functioning?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The Committees appointed in Government Proceedings P. 13-28800/17, dated 28th October 1942 are functioning.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I take it that the date "28th" in the answer is a misstatement for the "18th".

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: "28th" is the correct date.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether members of these Ration Committees can be appointed as Fair Price shop licensees?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: There is no fixed rule as regards that. It so happens in very rare cases one or two members do happen to run licensed shops.

REASONS FOR PROHIBITING THE EXPORT OF BANANAS AND YAM

103. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the reasons for passing a notification prohibiting the export of bananas and yam from the State;

(*b*) has the Government considered that the producers of bananas would be hard hit by this notification;

(*c*) has the Director of Food Supplies ever visited Meloor and Pariyaram the centre of banana cultivation and consulted the producers before passing this Notification?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) In order to conserve the available produce in the State for the consumption of the people here.

(*b*) Government considered the matter. It was thought necessary to impose the ban in the interests of the general public.

(*c*) No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know whether the Government are aware that considerable want of bananas coming from Chenganasseri District to Ernakulam and Mattancheri is felt?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: As a result of this notification, the Travancore Government have taken reciprocal action and they stopped the sending of bananas.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: That is not as a result of our notification. It is because they wanted to conserve bananas for their use.

ROAD TO TRICHUR AND MALAYATTUR FROM ERNAKULAM—CONDITION OF

104. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the extreme difficulties for travelling by road felt by persons who go to Trichur and Malayattur from Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The roads are in a fairly good condition.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Are the Government aware that for going from Ernakulam to Trichur and Malayattur we have to pass through Travancore roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The Travancore roads are now in good condition.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Have the Government made any report to the Travancore Government so that they may be pleased to repair those roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: This Government had requested the Travancore Government to repair those roads, and in response to that request, the Travancore Government have repaired those roads.

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